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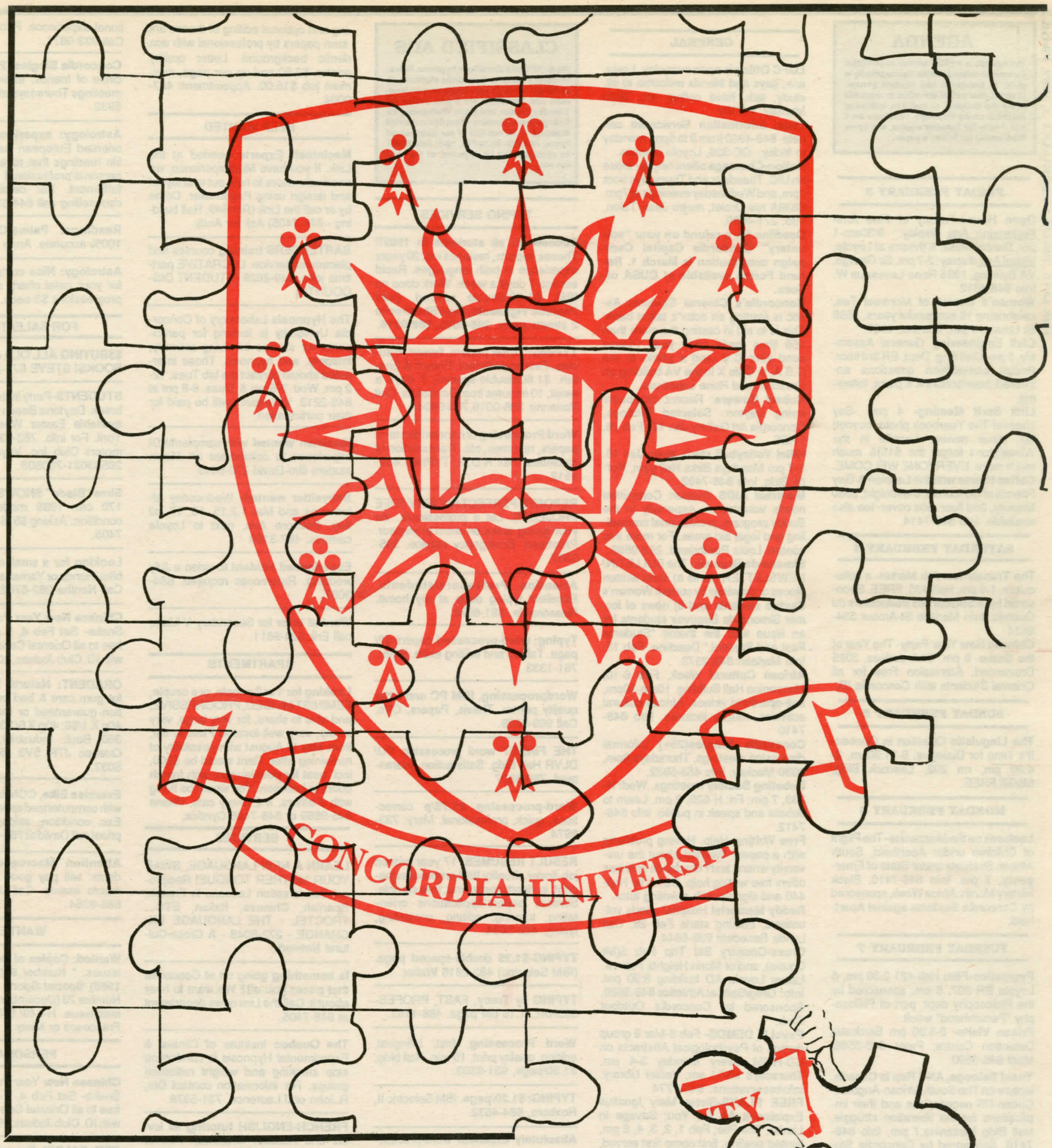

AGENDA

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3

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Women's Centre of Montreal Tea, celebrating 16 successful years, 3585 St Urbain, 1 pm, Info 842-1067.

Civil Engineering General Assembly, 3 pm, Civil Eng. Dept, ER 3rd floor. Bridge competition questions answered, beer/softdrink & pizza, following.

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4

The Translation Job Market- a colloquium, 1-6 pm, Hall-435, FREE. Sponsored by la Societe des traducteurs du Quebec. Info Marielle St-Amour 334-6514

Chinese New Year Party- The Year of the Snake- 9 pm, Club Jodees, 2025 Drummond. Admission Free for all Oriental Students with Concordia ID.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

The Linguistic Question in Quebec-It's Time for Dialogue, 9-11:30am, 2-4:30 pm, rm 232, Leacock Bldg, McGill.FREE.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6

Lectures on the Mezzanine- The Plight of Children under Apartheid, South African Students under State of Emergency, 7 pm. Info 848-7410. Black History Month: Africa Week, sponsored by Concordia Students against Apartheid.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7

Pygmalion-Film Hall-421 2:30 pm, & Loyola BR 207, 8 pm, sponsored by the Philosophy dept, part of Philosophy "Personhood" week.

Prison Visits- 2-3:30 pm Bordeaux Detention Centre, Peter 848-3586/ Matti 848-3590.

Yusuf Salooge, ANC Rep to Canada, lecture on The South African-Angolan-Cuban-US negotiations and their implications for the liberation struggle, Hall Bldg Mezanine,7 pm, Info 848-7410, Sponsored by Concordia Students Against Apartheid

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Simone de Beauvoir. The BULLETIN/ NEWSLETTER wants a) short written pieces or drawings by current Women's Studies students and b) news of former Simone de Beauvoir students for an issue with the theme "Students Past and Present." Deadline: Feb 15. Info Marlean 848-2373.

African Cultural Week, Feb 6-10, Mezzanine Hall Building. 10am-10pm, anti-apartheid videos, African cultural activities, music, lectures. Info 848-7410

Concordia Singles(25+) Informal discussion meetings, Thursdays 8pm, 2030 Mackay. Info 453-5932.

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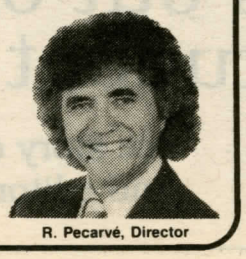

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Commerce fee may be double

by Andy Riga

Commerce students might end up paying two student association fees if they vote yes to a split from CUSA next week.

Commerce students will decide in a week-long referendum whether they want to break away from Concordia's main student association (CUSA) and form their own association.

CUSA co-president Nick Woollard said this week that CUSA might have to ask that commerce students be forced to pay two fees — a total of $3.60 per credit, or double what they now pay.

Currently, CUSA collects a $1.80 per credit from all undergarduate students except those in the engineering and computer science faculty. CUSA is responsible for deciding how the money is spent ($1.60 goes to the association, and 20 cents is divided between the Link and the Concordian). They collect about $140,000 from commerce students.

The Commerce and Administration Students Association (CASA), which wants more control over how commerce students' money is spent, said a new association would charge its own $1.80 per credit fee with 20 cents still going to the campus newspapers.

"(If CASA separates) we would have to slash services," Woollard said. "And, ironically, even club budgets may have to be cut.

He said CUSA has not decided whether to formally request the fee, but he will bring the issue up in a meeting with the university next week.

"We can continue to collect fees from commerce students so long as the university wants to," Woollard said. "The university may or may not agree."

According to Woollard, there is a provision in Bill 32 — the law that regulates the accreditation of student associations — that would allow the university to collect CUSA fees from autonomous student groups. Woollard said that ultimately the university has to decide the issue.

CASA president Derrick Ajmo disagrees with CUSA's interpretation of the law, and said commerce students would oppose such a fee.

"We would fight a (double) fee," Ajmo said. "It would come down to

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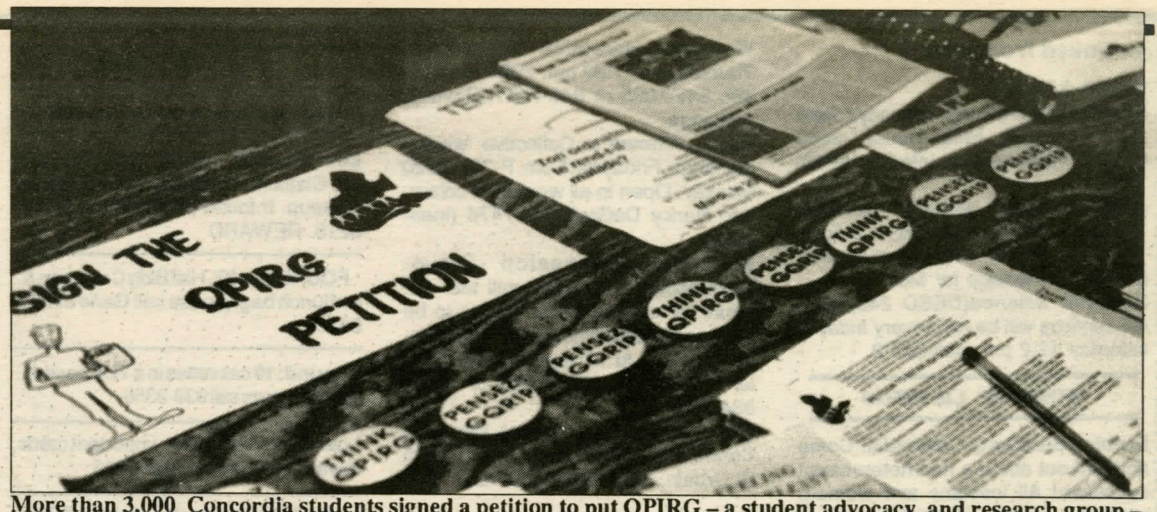


More than 3,000 Concordia students signed a petition to put QPIRG – a student advocacy and research group – on a referendum ballot next month. Students will decide whether they want to fund the group in the referendum.

20 years later...

Rosie Douglas returns

by Heidi Modro

Twenty years after the Sir George Williams University computer riot made international headlines, some of the demonstration's leaders are returning to the Hall building next Friday to commemorate the anniversary.

On Feb. 11, 1969, $5 million worth of computer equipment was destroyed after a two-week student occupation of the Hall building computer centre.

The demonstration was organized by students to protest the university's handling of a racism charge against a professor.

Rosie Douglas, one of the leaders of the occupation, is applying for a visa to return to Montreal so he can speak at Concordia next Friday. The former political science professor is now International Secretary of the Labour Party in Dominica.

His son, former CUSA co-president Robert Douglas, is organising the event.

"A panel discussion will examine the impact the entire computer incident had not only in Montreal but across Canada and the Caribbean," said Robert Douglas. "We want to see how far blacks have come since then."

"People felt so far removed from justice that it compelled them to rebell against the university system," Douglas said. "The racist situation in Montreal propelled him to take up up the liberation struggle and mass democracy."

Since leaving Canada 13 years ago, Rosie Douglas was allowed to return only in 1983 to visit his family on the condition he not speak publicly.

"I feel the government will give him permission to enter Canada because he was allowed to return in 1983," said Douglas. "The question is, will he be given the right to speak?"

"He posed a threat to the system because he wanted a fair deal for everyone."

"My father was and is still considered a threat to the Canadian system. He has been labelled everything from radical to violent but the government failed to recognize the fact that he once belonged to the Conservative Party."

One of the organizers of the 1969 demonstration, Anne Cools, is now a Canadian senator.

In conjunction with the anniversary, Concordia students are organising an African week starting Monday.

The week will also feature exhibits and videos about apartheid displayed on the Hall building's mezzanine. A series of lectures are also planned.

Among others, Canada's ANC representative Yusuf Salooge will speak about the implications for the South African struggle in light of the recently concluded agreements between South Africa, Angola, Cuba and the United States.

"The week will mark in a small way the computer incident and it will also focus on the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery," said Adrian Archer of the Concordia Students Against Apartheid.

CUSA reforming

Making CUSA 'relevent'

by Andy Riga

Students may have more of a say in how academic policy is set at Concordia next year.

Later this month, CUSA's board of directors will consider a proposal that could drastically alter the way students are represented at Concordia.

CUSA could decide to establish an 'academic council' which would set academic policy for the association and present a common front for students in the university, according to a CUSA reform committee discussion paper.

The reform is partly in response to demands by groups such as the Commerce and Adminstration Students Association (CASA) which complains that CUSA is not representative of all students, and is threatening to pull out.

An academic council would help students present a unified and more powerfull voice in academic policy-making, according to CUSA co-president Nick Woollard.

"Because of our limited resources, we (student representatives) have to react to issues when they come up," he said. "With an academic council we'll be able to go to the university's senate with concrete ideas and initiatives."

Woollard said the focus of the proposed change is to make CUSA more relevant to the average student.

"The more active participation we have in student government, the stronger the student government is," Woollard said. "CUSA, faculty associations and departmental associations will all hopefully acquire some meaning for average students."

The new academic council may answer demands made by groups that say CUSA doesn't represent students and has become too powerful.

CUSA is now governed by a 30-member board of directors (28 members representing the university's four faculties and two co-presidents).

The new academic council would be made up of 35 members — 10 student senators; one representative named by each of the four faculties (engineering and computer science, commerce, fine arts, and arts and sciences); twenty seats distributed proportionally among the faculties; and one CUSA co-president.

It would be a student equivalent of the university's senate, the body that decides the university's academic policy.

In a referendum next week, commerce students will decide whether they want to separate from CUSA and form their own student association.

Commerce association (CASA) president Derrick Ajmo said the proposal is "interesting" and "is heading in the right direction."

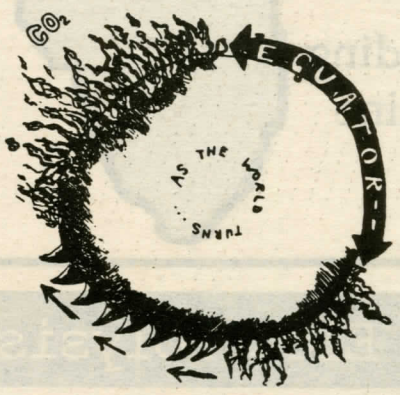
"A lot of these proposals were discussed during the summer (in talks between CASA and CUSA)," he said. "It doesn't say anything different than what came up during the summer."

He said there are many questions about the academic council that still have to be answered, and he is disappointed that the proposal is coming so late in the semester.

"What will happen when the new co-presidents take office," Ajmo said. "There are nine different co-presidential teams running with very different views. The team that wins may never have even heard of this reform."

Ajmo said because of the timing of the proposal, it will take long to implement.

"This is not going to be operational for a couple of years," he said. "This draft should have come out in October so that it could have been worked on and problems ironed out."



Rain forest on mezzanine

Rain forests are disappearing at the alarming rate of an acre per second.

To inform students about the destruction of the earth's greatest store of natural resources, Concordia student Suzanne Diamond has organized Monday's Rain Forest Information Day.

"Rain forests take up seven per cent of the earth's land mass but contain at least half of all the earth's species," Diamond said. "They hold the greatest resources of the world and they are being destroyed."

Rain forest information will be available all day on the Hall building mezzanine. Native South American and African art will be on display courtesy of Global Cooperation for a Better World.

Live falcons, tropical insect displays and videos will also be featured.

Chasky, an Inca folklore band, who play 25 varieties of flutes, will be performing in the afternoon.

"It's a great opportunity for students to come out a learn about the situation and sign petitions," Diamond said.

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W, info: 848-4741.

Israeli Folk Dancing Tuesdays from Jan 31, 7 pm, Hillel House, 3460 Stanley, $2.50/person. Info Corrie 848-7492.

Anti-Apartheid weekly meetings Tuesdays 7 pm, office hours 3-5pm, Tue-Thur, P-203, 2020 Mackay. Info 848-7474-message for Moe.

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Women's Narcotics Anonymous, Thursdays at 7:30 pm, 2020 Mackay. Info 845-1035 or 848-7431 (Beverly) message.

Black Women's Collective weekly meetings, Fridays at 6 pm, P-307, 2020 Mackay. Open to all women of colour. Info Nancy DeGraff 848-7474 (message)

Women's Discussion Group-Wednesdays 10-11h30 until Mar 15-forum for sharing ideas, issues to be discussed determined by group members, limited to 12 women. Pre-register info Beverly 481-4088 or Gwen 334-7367.

16th Anniversary Tea at Women's Centre of Montreal, Feb 3, 1 pm, 3585 St Urbain. Info/tickets 842-1067

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CASA wants one fee

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the university's interpretation of (Bill 32)."

He said the university "wouldn't be interested in interfering in student affairs."

There would be no reason for CUSA to ask commerce students to pay two fees because an independent association would want to sign a service agreement with CUSA, Ajmo said.

"We're saying that we would pay a certain amount of money to CUSA" to cover services CUSA will continue to provide to commerce students, he said.

Currently the Engineering and Computer Science Association, which split from CUSA in 1984, has a service contract, and pays CUSA about $20,000 a year.

Finance vice-rector Maurice Cohen said CUSA had not discussed the issue with him and would not comment on it.

But, according to education ministry official Lise Boisclair, CUSA would have trouble collecting its fee from commerce students.

She said that because engineering students at Concordia have their own student association, CUSA can't use Bill 32 to get money from either engineering or commerce students.

"They (CUSA) would have to represent all students," Boisclair said. "(But that) doesn't seem to be the case because of the engineering students."

However, Woollard said CUSA does represent all students. CUSA appoints engineering representatives to the university senate and board of governors, and engineering students continue to vote in CUSA elections. Woollard said CUSA would do the same for commerce students in an autonomous association.

Woollard said if CUSA decides to try to collect fees from commerce students it would also want to collect from engineering and computer science students, who formed an autonomous student association in a 1984 referendum.

"If CUSA decided to, it could ask the administration to collect CUSA fees from engineering students too," Woollard said. "No decision has been made on that. It's not a point of discussion at the moment."

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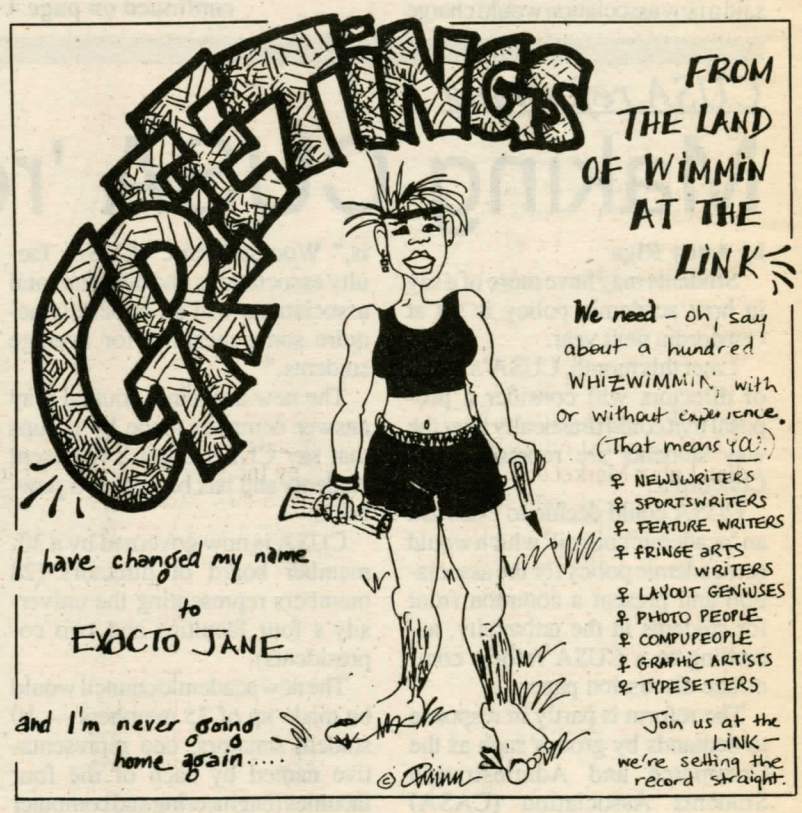
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Conference Feb. 11-12

ANEEQ looks at funding

by Scott McCulloch

Quebec's new university funding policy will be under the microscope at Concordia Feb. 11-12, as Quebec's largest student association meets to develop strategy for 1989.

The weekend ANEEQ conference will formulate pressure tactics to maintain the Liberal government's current freeze on tution fees.

Representatives from ANEEQ member associations will also discuss items such as the quality of education and the role universities play in society.

"The accent will be on tuition fees," said ANEEQ executive Stephane Lessard, "but we hope to establish a strategy for reforms to loans and bursaries."

A press report hinted last fall that education minister Claude Ryan would add $66 million to the financial aid system next year, which would mean a $40 million increase in government spending.

Ryan said earlier last month that tuition fees may go up after the next provincial election.

Despite the improvements in Ryan's loans and bursaries reform, ANEEQ wants to discuss the formula which they say falls short of their demands.

ANEEQ may be facing an uphill battle though. The Conseil des Universites du Quebec released a study last fall recommending a fee hike to offset underfunding problems.

ANEEQ orchestrated a 10 day province-wide strike last fall when over 55,000 students fought for reforms to the loans and bursaries system.

While the conference is expected to develop the association's priorities on the Quebec student movement, Lessard said universities financing should play a major role at the weekend forum.

"We'll be asking questions like 'who should be responsible for the financing of university education?'"

Free trade and you

HALIFAX (CUP) — Canadian universities must resist the pull towards a more competitive system under free trade, says a recently-released report.

The United States spends more money on post-secondary education and produces more graduates — who will take away Canadian jobs, according to the study, called Nova Scotia Universities in the Free Trade Era.

"They (provincial governments) haven't yet had to recognize where the future lies. If we don't expand our universities who are we going to have in all the professional and managerial jobs in this country? Americans," said John D'Orsay, executive director of the nine-member Nova Scotia Confederation of University Faculty Associations (NSCUFA), which sponsored the study.

D'Orsay also refers to a Canadian Labor Market and Productivity Centre report, indicating that 73 per cent of the jobs created in Canada since 1981 are classified as managerial and professional — and requiring a university degree. He said Nova Scotia must act quickly to fund the creation of a highly-skilled labour pool in order to compete with the American economy.

The Canada-U.S. free trade agreement came into in effect January 1. It removes or reduces most trade barriers between the two countries.

The NSCUFA study indicates that Americans already have the edge in post-secondary education. A 1986 survey shows that the proportion of university graduates in Nova Scotia is 10.6 per cent, below the Canadian average of 12.4 per cent and almost half the American average of 19.4 per cent. Nova Scotia's low proportion of university graduates puts the province in league with West Virginia, Arkansas and Kentucky, at the very bottom of the range for the American states.

In addition, an advisory body to the U.S. government has proposed a "Marshall Plan" of educational rejuvenation, a huge injection of money into the public university system. Its goal is to achieve a proportion of university graduates in the adult population of 35 per cent by the year 2000, in order to preserve their "society, economy, democratic values and international leadership."

The guiding principle of U.S. policy is that post-secondary education cannot be left to the free market, states the NSCUFA report. Education in general, and post-secondary education in particular is treated as a public good in the U.S., because market forces alone would produce an insufficent supply of university graduates.

A comparison of operating grants provided for full-time students by the Nova Scotian and U.S. governments reveals Americans spend much more on post-secondary education.

While each student at St. Mary's University in Halifax receives an operating grant of $3400, a student at Alabama State University will receive almost twice that amount. A student at Acadia University in Wolfville will receive $4446, while a student at the University of Pennsylvania gets a bit over $1,000 more. A student at the Technical University of Nova Scotia receives a grant of $11,086, while one attending the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology will receive $13,580.

Meanwhile, the Nova Scotia government's record on post- secondary education expenditures is worsening. Fifteen years ago, university operating grants made up 8.63 per cent of total expenditures by the provincial government. Today, only 5.5 per cent of the provincial budget will go to support universities.

According to NSCUFA, returning to the level of support of 15 years ago would require adding $44.7 million to university operating grants, an amount equivalent to $1,838 for every student in the province.

Said D'Orsay, "If they continue the practice of not even meeting the (post-secondary funding advisory body the) Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission's recommendations for university funding, more than 20 per cent of faculty in the province are going to leave over the next several years."

NSCUFA is recommending the development of a new policy in Nova Scotia, stressing a large increase in provincial funding to ensure accessibility at the province's post-secondary schools. But D'Orsay doubts the provincial support is there.

"The (Conservative John) Buchanan government doesn't plan to do anything," he said. "They'll just wait."

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News Briefs

Vanier rape covered up

MONTREAL (CUP) — After a student was sexually assaulted in a Vanier College washroom, employees received a memo telling them to keep quiet, according the school's head of security.

Jean-Pierre Barbeau said the suburban college's secretary general sent a memo to faculty and staff asking them not to talk about the incident.

In early January, a woman was held at knifepoint in a campus washroom and told to perform a sexual act. She screamed, fought the man off and got away.

A week later, another woman was sexually assaulted at knifepoint when she entered a washroom in a different part of the college.

College officials have not warned students or said anything about the incidents.

"The police investigation is going on and I've been told not to discuss it with the media," said Vanier secretary general Leopold Kurcz. "I don't think it's wise to discuss it because we're coming close to the end of the investigation."

Said police officer Richard Demers "It's also hard for the victim, she has to look at over 6,000 (criminal) photos. We don't want it to be spread around in case other men get the same idea.

"The first girl was smart and knew what to do. We have a description of the man from the victims and a description from a witness who saw him run out (of the washroom)."

Peace comes to Loyola

The Institute for Studies in International Peace opened its doors last month at Loyola campus.

Launched by the Loyola Jesuit community, the institute will act as a catalyst for university peace studies, according to co-ordinator Sandra DeRome. The institute will be sponsoring symposia, public lectures, seminars and encourage research, writing and publication on themes of peace.

"Peace studies have been very low profile in student life at Concordia," said Jos. B. Gavin,SJ, adminstrative director of the institute. "That is something that will no doubt change in years to come."

A resource centre at Loyola will contain current material on peace-related issues in Canada, as well as other works.

Three public lectures are scheduled for later this semester.

Gregory Baum of McGill will give a lecture ("The Forces that Lead to War") on Feb. 15. Concordia's Sean McEvenue will speak on Mar. 1 ("War and Peace in Ancient Israel"). On Mar. 15, Kathryn Bindon of Mount St. Vincent University will give a speach entitled "Studying War."

Organizers are looking for students who are interested in taking part in the development of the institute. For more information, contact Gavin or DeRome at 848-7799.

Kraft dinner payments

BURNABY (CUP) — Members of Simon Fraser University's board of directors were presented with a six foot high stack of boxes of macaroni and cheese at their last meeting. The stack represented the amount of food students can buy with $89 — the average tuition fee increase the board okayed for next year.

Food, the student council contends, is the only "flexible" portion of a student's budget which can be cut back to accomodate fee hikes. "Something tells me that these students would rather give you the Kraft than the cash," said council president Paul Mendes as he made the presentation.

This round of fee hikes ranges from six per cent for undergraduate students to 40 per cent for some graduate students. Tuition at SFU has increased by an average of 150 per cent in the last decade. The Consumer Price Index has gone up by 93 per cent during that time.

"Somewhere along the line, students have been getting ripped-off," Mendes said. "Their costs are constantly rising with the justification that this is essential to maintaining the quality of our education, but at the same time, the quality of our education has

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I ♥ K.D. LANG!
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THE END

By Bevan

Of metal, Motorhead & masturbation

Capitalism in chaos

A real rocker in Penelope Spheeris' latest film.

by Chris de Bellis

The fans and the bands of L.A.'s heavy metal scene scream allegiance to their mega-chaotic-machine without even pretending to care where it's going in director Penelope Spheeris' latest film.

The Decline of Western Civilization Part 2: The Metal Years features live performances and interviews with L.A.'s premiere metal bands as well as interviews with authorities on the subject — such as Alice Cooper, Ozzy Osbourne and members of Kiss, Aerosmith and Motorhead.

Spheeris more or less sets the camera in front of her subjects and lets them answer or behave however they want. Spheeris does not exploit them, they wallow in exploiting themselves. Their underlying justification is that this kind of exploitation beats the 40 hour a week brand any day.

In fact, the whole scene reeks of it. Club owners and record companies graciously accept all the young flesh and hair and tattoos and scarves and guitar solos and, yes, money, that this scene generates. Why? Because this is capitalism, and as at least twenty hopefuls say, "I wanna be a rock star." Then they grow some hair, get obnoxious and step right up... dreams mean profit.

Still, the film is wildly entertaining, informative and sometimes upsetting — everything it should be considering its subject.

Hearing Steve Perry of Aerosmith compare handling success to masturbation is worth the price of admission. As is Ozzy Osbourne and his amused frazzled demeanor as he makes breakfast.

But it is the robotic voice of authority, the Probation Officer, who reminds us just how strange authority can be. She spits out her contempt for heavy metal and speaks of "de—metaling" criminals by stripping them of their music and their spiked leather garb. The irony meter explodes when she dons a dog collar to illustrate how it is worn.

Spheeris kept the pace moving to capture the energy of the music and also to allow some impressions to form, particularly the blatantly sexist attitudes of the bands and club owners. There is more to satirize here than even Spinal Tap could have handled — and it's real.

But when Spheeris' gentle persistence penetrates some of the laugh-it-off facades, things get genuinely sad. We see the young wanna-be rock stars who speak sincerely of either fame or death and nothing in between. Or there is the alcoholic band member lounging in a pool and drowning himself in vodka. These powerful scenes are also worth the price of admission.

Spheeris also directed the original Decline of *Western Civilization*, about punk music, and *Surburbia*. With her latest product, she has created a documentary with tremendous range that is portrayed through the voices of heavy metal.

CHEAPSTUFF

Hey Mom! — the Fine Arts Faculty is hosting an open house TODAY, Friday, Feb. 3. Performing Arts: Loyola campus (7141 Sherbrooke W) 9:30am - 1pm/Visual Arts: SGW campus (1395 Rene Levesque W) 2 - 7pm. More info: 848-4612.

Carnivores — an exhibit of Katja Macleod's paintings of nasty and mischievous household pets at the Women's Centre (2020 Mackay, 848-7431) Mon. - Thurs., 1:30 - 6pm, until February 23.

Canal Complex — is exhibiting works of *Anne Ardouin, Jocelyn Prince & Denis Beauchamp* (4710 St. Ambroise, St. Henri, 935-1291) until February 26.

Festival — Con U student-directed one act plays at Chameleon Studio (Loyola, 7141 Sherbrooke W, 848-4741) February 3 & 4, 8pm. FREE

Robert's downstairs — recent sculpture of *Robert Bowers* at the Concordia Art Gallery (Hall building, 2nd floor, 848-4750) until February 18.

Normand Rajotte—his photo exhibit: *Dans les coins oubliés, à la recherche des dieux tranquilles*, at Dazibao (4060 St. Laurent, #104, 845-0063), February 1 - 26.

Dessins Lamiel — drawings by Miguel Lamiel and excerpts from *Mountains of Fire* at La Cervoise (4457 St. Laurent) until February 24.

Few Funds Foil Festival

by Stephen Clare

This year's Montreal New Music Festival is being postponed because of a lack of sponsorship.

The festival is the only one of its kind in Canada, featuring alternative bands from Montreal and a few from other parts of the country. It was scheduled to run from March 2nd to 11th at various local venues. However, Labatt Breweries, the festival's previous corporate sponsor, has decided to drop its funding.

As a result, the MNMF will be pushed back until enough money can be raised, according to organizers.

"I really don't understand it," said Duncan McTavish, president of Faze Productions, who has run the festival annually since 1986. "Things were going smoothly until right before Christmas and then, poof, our corporate sponsor decided to pull out. Now we have to start from scratch."

From scratch? Well, not really.

Duncan already has commitments from many of the bands and the venues. But the entire promotional package — a major expenseof the festival — has to be redone.

"That's what sponsors are for," said McTavish. "It takes cold cash to send flyers out, to put ads in newspapers and magazines. And this is done across North America, not only in the Montreal region.

"And without that promotional work this festival is dead in the water."

McTavish said that finding the funding will be just a matter of time. In fact, he is negotiating deals with various potential corporate sponsors right now and expects to announce their involvement by mid-March. The Labatt pull-out, he says, was really a problem of principles.

"There is not an awful lot of support for independant music here. A few clubs, a few labels...but nothing to make it compare with Toronto or Vancouver.

"This festival has put Montreal on the new music map. To have it die would all but be the death of local music here."

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Fennario comes home

by Jennifer Jevcak

Last Tuesday saw the first preview showing of David Fennario's play, *The Murder of Susan Parr*, at the Centaur Theatre.

The play deals with the helplessness and entrapment undergone by the individual in today's society. "It shows what's out there and what we're up against," said Fennario after the show.

Susan Parr who voices her inner thoughts intermittently throughout the play, conveys this central message — as do all the characters. Her soliloquies take place behind a transparent wall, symbolizing her imprisonment in society and within her own self.

Despite some technical difficulties during the 2 hour play, the message was clear and well received by the audience.

The plot is weak in order to enhance the play's main theme, summarized most succinctly when Susan faces the audience from behind her wall and says, "I'm changing, but I'm not doing it. It's being done to me."

The setting is present day Point St. Charles, Fennario's home town. A creative two-level stage set invites the audience to experience the cultural atmosphere in this district.

"The trains are the heart of the Pointe. Once they stop, life stops," Fennario explained. He uses the trains to represent life as a whole. In fact, this sort of symbolism is Fennario's most powerful tool.

Although the tone is serious, some enjoyable entertainment is provided for through the occasional use of clever humour.

The Murder of Susan Parr will be playing at the Centaur, with Julie Miller in the title role, until March 19th. It's worth checking out.

FRINGE ARTS

EDITORIAL

NO to Commerce separation

Next week commerce and administration students will decide if they want to split from Concordia's student association (CUSA) and form their own autonomous, directly-funded association.

As commerce students ponder the referendum question, they should consider the long-term effects such a move would have on all Concordia students. Although many of the arguments put forward by the Coalition of Commerce Associations are valid, the effects of such a move would prove devastating to *all* Concordia students.

Changes must be made to CUSA's structure — no one disputes that. But the change that an independent commerce association would bring would do more harm than good. Separation may bring short-term gain to commerce students (by giving them more money) but the long-term costs outweigh the benefits.

If Commerce students achieve autonomy, it would mean the continued ghettoization and polarization of Concordia. Already, engineering and computer science students have split. Fine arts students, who are blocks away from the downtown campus, also feel isolated.

Concordia's average student knows little about CUSA. They use CUSA services — the job bank, housing service, 5 cent photocopies, free phones, etc. — but have little idea the enormous power and influence a strong, unified student government can wield within a university.

Commerce students should recognize that strength and prosperity lie in consolidating resources, not in splintering them into special interest groups.

It is necessary to bring students together to present a common front in the university. The more divided we are, the weaker we are. A truly unified student voice on the university's senate, board of directors, and academic councils is crucial if students are to have any say in how academic policy decisions are made, and in how the university is run.

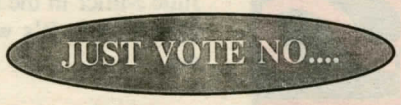
That kind of unified student voice obviously doesn't exist at Concordia now.

Most would agree that CUSA, which now represents over 22,000 students, has major problems and must be changed. Confidence in the CUSA co-presidents and Board of Directors has ebbed over the past few years because CUSA has degenerated to the point where it is a student-run, mega-bureaucracy. Decision-making power is centered around the co-presidents and the executives. It is obvious to almost everyone — even to those within CUSA — that some of that power has to be divided, some of those responsibilities unloaded.

The discussion that the referendum has forced upon CUSA, CASA and others interested in preserving the unified voice of Concordia students is valuable and will do nothing but speed up the changes that must be made. Because of CASA's referendum call, reforms are finally being seriously considered by CUSA.

For instance, CUSA is considering giving more decision-making power to faculty-based associations (such as CASA) makes a lot of sense since most students relate to their faculty easier than they would relate to an obscure CUSA.

Establishing an Academic Council — a student body which would formulate student academic policies and present a more unified voice — with real decision and policy-making powers is an idea whose time has come.



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- NO to duplication of services
- NO to a divided association

NO....TO CASA SEPARATION

Letters

Conflict dragging on

to the editors,

Lucy Roberts is to be commended on her achievements. She has worked for many years at a job which requires skill and competence. Although secretaries are often taken for granted they are vital to the efficient functioning of any establishment.

Lucy Roberts is an individual who has been praised for her work in the past and has been a contributing member of the Concordia community since 1972. Such an individual can only be an asset to the institution for which she works. She is an experienced employee and it would be a shame to lose her.

Concordia is essentially only as good as the people who work and learn here. As a result, it is important to foster an environment where all women and men feel comfortable and respected for their abilities.

All individuals work best in an environment free of conflict. If a conflict occurs between two employees, it is in the best interest of all to ameliorate the situation as soon as possible. We urge the Concordia administration and Human Resources to resolve this situation which has already dragged on too long.

Lucy Roberts has already proven herself to be a worthy employee of the university. It is now up to Concordia to prove that all employees are equally important in practice as well as in theory.

Concordia Women's Centre Staff

CASA threatening unity and creating conflict?

to the editors,

The Concordia Coalition of Commerce Associations would like to respond to the various statements made in the article in the January 31 edition of *the Link*, as well as the questions raised in the letters to the editor section.

In the article and in the letter written by the CUSA co-presidents, the underlying message is that an independant commerce association would threaten CUSA's unified voice and create confusion. This is ridiculous! CUSA can and will still speak for all students. It will just have to consult them before it takes any stands in their name. Decentralization does not mean the death of a unified voice, it just means that the few will not take stands for the majority without their concern.

As for the accusation that it will create confusion and destroy unity — this is untrue. Confusion exists now as the CUSA board of directors don't know what the co-presidents are doing. They have to read about it in the pages of *the Link*. As for the effects on CUSA's unified voice, it will be amplified because it will have to consult the representatives of all the students it represents. Therefore when CUSA speaks, it can truly say that it speaks for everyone. The representatives of the commerce associations can say they represent the people and interests of commerce students because they are taking classes with you, the average commerce student. If you can talk to them and they understand, it's because they are also experiencing the same thing.

The co-presidents claim that the faculty associations were given the right to govern their affairs back in the early eighties. There is only one faculty association in CUSA, the Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA). Its presidents have fought every year with CUSA over this point. Its current president fought for this for the last two years and appointed them over them over the co-presidents' objections.

The co-presidents would have you believe that CUSA is running smoothly and is an example of effective students government but many of its own directors know better. In order for it to be effective, it must decentralize its decision making authority.

Gus Mitrou's letter however brings up some questions that must be answered. Some have been answered above and in a previous letter to the editor. Mr. Mitrou asks if one of the existing papers could be approached. This was done last year and they refused. Enlarging *the Communique* would be expensive since it costs approximately $1800 to print it now. Turning it into a newspaper would require a large upfront investment and approximately two years at least to be profitable. Under the present circumstances, we do not have the funds to undertake this.

Mr. Mitrou further states that the objects to the way this was sprung on commerce students. This is inacurate. Three separate general assemblies were organized since last January on the issue and the members of the coalition have also held countless assemblies on the issue. Therefore, this was not sprung on students. This is inaccurate. The CUSA reform report has been promised to students since September and has not transpired. Even the CUSA board of directors does not know what the reform committee is up to.

In the co-presidents letter to the editor, they stated that CUSA could be changed through a referendum. This is exactly what we are trying to do. We are trying to force CUSA to reform and decentralize through a referendum on this issue. We are letting you, the students decide. Do what you want: What amounts to a two man dictatorship or an independant commerce association which will listen to and represent your interests. If yes to the latter, then vote "yes"on February 7-13.

Coalition of Commerce Associations

Accusations false

to the editors,

In a recent letter addressed to *theLink* some accusations and false statements were levied on CUSA and myself as to how we have been dealing with commerce associations. The letter is interesting in both its outright falsehoods and the things which it does not state.

The letter states that the co-presidents have too much power and gives the impression that no one else in CUSA can make decisions regarding the association. It is true that our constitution gives the co-presidents the power to act on the Board of Directors' behalf and make decisions when they are not sitting but the board is the final decision making body and can overturn any decision made while they are not in session. This is not an unusual power for the executive of any organisation.

CUSA's executive structure is very unique in the co-presidency since most other organisations, like CUSA, do not have co-presidents but have Presidents instead who exercise similar powers, only in that case there is only one of them. With two people acting as presidents there is far less chance of some despotic slime getting into an influential and powerful position and then abusing that position.

As far as the accusation that I scuttled the negotiations which were carried out over the summer, I find it interesting that the letter makes no mention of the $20,000 activities budget that CUSA

turned over to CASA. This was an increase of more than $10,000, which is pretty good for an association which went over budget by over $1,000 that year.

We listened to and understood the ideas which the commerce representatives had to make on CUSA reform and made note of them. As for the scuttling of the "deal," they had worked out with us, all we can say is that the way we were approaching the situation was that the commerce group had important input but not more important than anyone else's. Commerce is not the only group in the university involved with CUSA suggestions on reform. There are three other faculties to be consulted and we couldn't well institute changes unilaterally without consulting with the other parties affected by any changes in CUSA structure, finances and representation.

If we had implemented the commerce "deal," we would be guilty of exactly what the letter was accusing us of — exercising too much power unilaterally. To have implemented CASA's suggestions then, in the middle of the summer with very few groups around, would have been very unfair to fine arts, arts and science, and engineering students because they had had no direct input into the talks. It was at this point that it became apparent that a general reform process would have to happen before any real and fair change could take place.

The letter also states that commerce isn't being adequately represented on senate. It claims that there is only one commerce student on senate. This is not true at all. There

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are, in fact, two commerce students on senate: Meaghan Hoang and Derrick Ajmo, the president of CASA. There is also a commerce student on the universities Board of Governors and, on top of all this, CASA has complete control over the appointment of student representatives on faculty council and have had this for years.

As for the lateness in our getting a complete compliment of people onto senate — it's true. But the letter forgets to mention the reason for this lateness — that we were trying to make sure that all the faculties had at least two students representing them on senate.

The letter claims that any reforms slated for this year will not be able to come through because of the early elections we are having this year. Apparently, the authors of this letter are unaware that the turn over date for CUSA is April 1, (the people who wrote the constitution must have had a weird sense of humour), and that leaves two months in which we can push through the reforms. In addition to this, next years CUSA will have the opportunity to witness the reforms as they are carried out by the present CUSA which will only help them understand the needs of all students so much the better. This is one of the major reasons for the elections being so early this year.

The organizers of this referendum have accusing us of being undemocratic and not listening to what commerce students have to say, but it seems that CASA itself is not really listening very hard. The way in which this referendum is being handled is not good. The question is being put before the students of commerce and the administration without giving them the chance to hear both sides of the story or to allow time for a possible "No" committee to form. There are no debates, the information from CASA is scanty (just a couple of rhetorical posters) and there are no clear answers to the following questions: Who will be counting the ballots? Why is it running over the week-end? Why the timing happens to be just after "Commerce Week."

We do not dispute the rights of association that student groups are guaranteed by law but we do dispute the legitimacy of the process being followed. Our concern is that this question is not being given enough time for fair consideration: Something that is so critical for such an important issue — the future effectiveness of our student representation.

Andrew Madsen
CUSA Co-president

CUSA changing

to the editors,

There are, essentially, two points which the issue of Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA) separation from CUSA revolve. One is representation, the other is money.

Representation to the university has been dealt with elsewhere and the complaints have been shown to be simplistic.

Cusa itself has a democratic system that allows everyone to have a say in the affairs of the association. In fact, the system is even more democratic than the one proposed by CASA for its own structure which restricted access to the decision-making process. Seats on the CUSA Board of Directors are allocated on the basis of the number of students enrolled in each faculty. This upcoming year, commerce and administration students even increased their representation when the faculty got an additional seat on the board.

Some complain that CUSA's elections are a farce since only 6-15% of the approximate 20,000 students vote. This is a simple argument by those that obviously know nothing of university-wide matters. Turn-out could be improved by additional election spending but the CUSA budget and groups that complain that they do not get "their fair share" do not leave room for this. A fee increase (something that is, in fact, on the ballot this February during the CUSA Annual General Elections— Feb.14, 15, 16) would go some way to solving this problem. It should be pointed out that this is all CASA received in its elections as well and is not a problem limited to CUSA.

Contrary to popular opinion, the co-presidents do not wield unlimited power. Any director can propose policy, changes to policy, or reversal to policy; all it takes is initiative and work. For all the criticism of the inefficiencies of CUSA- some of which is deserved- this is something that certain commerce and administration representatives on the Board (we don't mention names) failed to do. In this, they failed commerce and administration students. You do get out what you put in - that is representation.

Some individuals within the CASA executive claim that since they didn't vote for certain policy resolutions of the board, they should not be bound by them and that holding them to these decisions is undemocratic and nonrepresentative. One wonders what their concept of democracy is and what it means for the future of CASA.

On the subject of money, CASA claims that they are underfunded and that if they collected their own fee, they would have much more to pump into faculty activities. The posters they put up compare the $20,000 CASA received this past year to funding figures of other commerce associations to illustrate how much CASA is underfunded.

What none of these posters tell you is that commerce students at these other institutions are paying much more in student fees than students are paying here at Concordia. What's more, a separate CASA will mean a wastage of money due to the duplication of over-head costs. Cost efficiency is something that everyone understands as being good for everyone and business.

That money does not go into funding associations like CASA, goes into services that CUSA offers to students. These include: receptionists to answer your questions 12 hours a day, free phones, 5 cent photocopiers (we were the pioneers!), modern typewriters, typesetting service, a resume service, a print shop for all your printing needs at the lowest prices in town, a job bank to help find students a job, a housing service which lets you advertise vacancies and pick up good deals, Reggies, Mugshots, the Campus Centre, a Speakers Fund, Student Orientation, the Used Bookstore, Winter Carnival, the Student Handbook, and more ... all for one of the lowest student fees in Canada!

If the commerce & administration felt so strongly about the way money is budgeted, they had more than enough opportunity to change it.

Needless to say, these services will have to be cut if commerce students leave the association — there will simply not be enough money. It would be sad if, that at a time when CUSA is expanding to provide more and better services and representation, commerce and administration students chose to pull away and change the direction.

Nick Woollard,
CUSA Co-president

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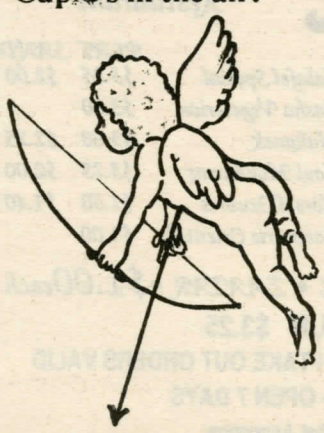

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"Obscure picture"

to the editors,

A negative attitude towards the fraternity system seems to be emerging in the minds of the Canadian public. In some ways the attitude can be justified when one looks at the incidents mentioned in your article "Fighting Frat Violence From the Inside." However, a quotation by Dwayne Woerpel, an international officer of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (TKE), stating that "the public is fed up with us and the universities are fed up with us" may lead some of your readers to assume that the Concordia chapter of TKE engages in hazing activites. Furthermore, the statement that "hazing occurs each year in Concordia frats" is blatant slander.

While I, as a member of TKE, cannot speak for the for other groups on campus, I can state categorically that hazing (or pledging) is not a part of our membership requirements. Our Associate Member program is an entirely positive experience where prospective members are treated as equals and where their individuality is respected. No one is asked to "down a 26" and no one is subjected to violence or humiliation. Associate members are expected to show a high degree of interest and activity in the fraternity and are judged primarily on this basis towards full membership.

Your article could have placed greater emphasis on the increasing number of fraternities who abide by the National Interfraternity Conference resolution against hazing — those at the forefront of a changing, more mature fraternity system. A more thorough research effort by *the Link* would have resulted in a less obscure picture of our own fraternity system here at Concordia, especially in regards to TKE.

The incidents of violence discussed in your article deserve serious attention. However, they are not accurate representation of the fraternity system as it exists in Canada. The incident at McGill's Zeta Psi fraternity threw an unjustified media light on all Canadian fraternities and sororities. Stereotypical attitudes towards fraternities are common but in some many cases are unfounded, to label all fraternities as "bad" can only harm the efforts of those who are trying to initiate reform. It is my belief, that on the whole, fraternities and sororities provide a positive experience in an increasingly cold university milieu. This experience is not only those acts of violence on the inside but also by those who would condemn us all in one sweeping motion.

Drew Wawin

Wrong picture!

to the editors,

I want to correct the picture given of my room in the article appearing about me in your January 24 issue called: Taking Poetry Off The Page.

The reporter mentioned only Christian, not the African, Native Indian, Egyptian and Oriental religious art that is also in my room.

Taylor Jane Green

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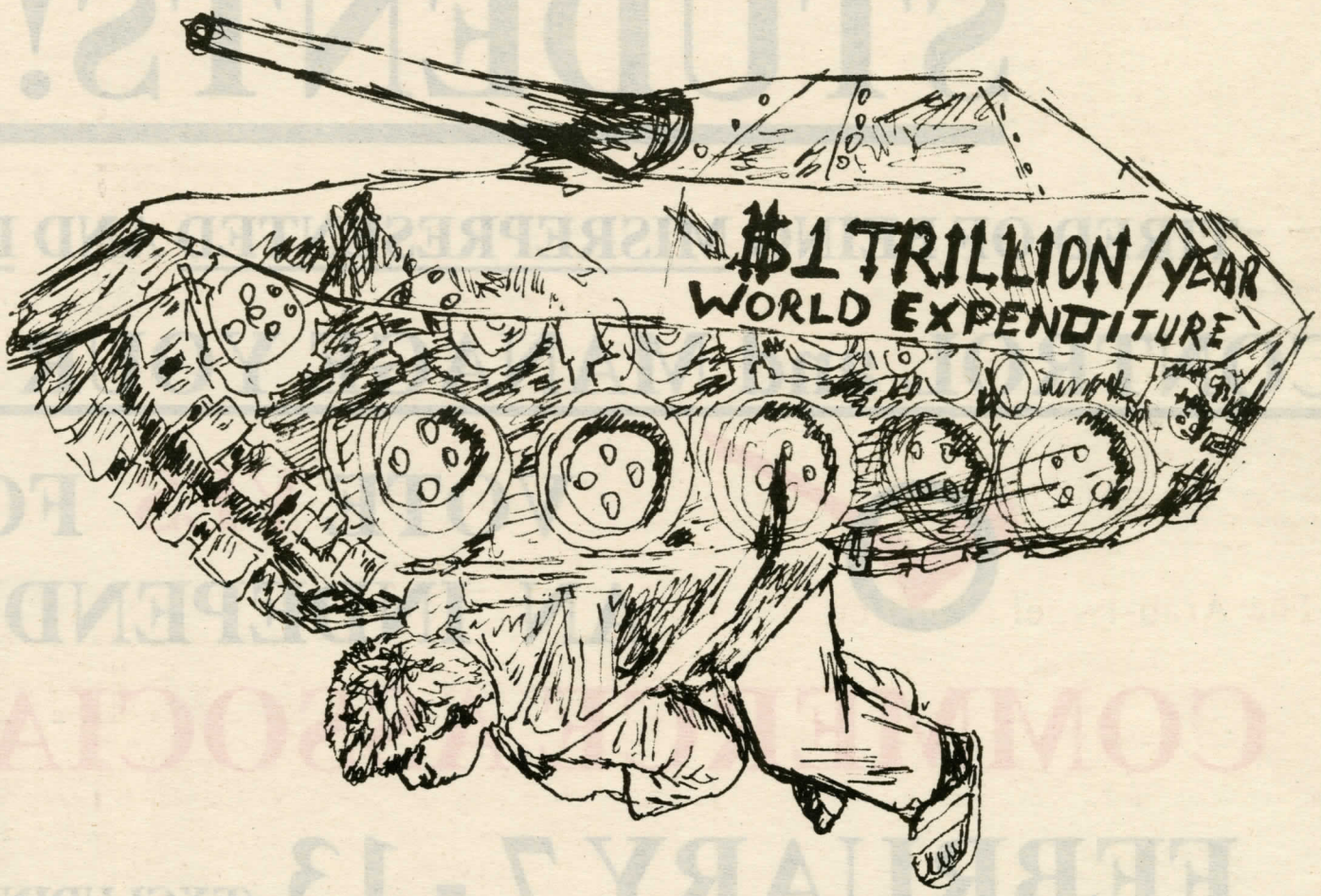


by Suzanne Diamond

Montreal certainly needs a higher profile peace institute, especially one which reaches out and supports students. A new resource centre in the city — The Institute for Studies in International Peace — provides just such a catalyst for peace initiatives.

It is one of Canada's best kept secretes that our country is the greatest exporter of uranium ore in the world, says M. Symes-Grehan of the Project North journal, a native issues publication. Of course the displaced and disrupted native communities are only too well aware of this.

Gordon Edwards of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility reports that of the ore exported for peaceful purposes, a full 85 percent never reaches the customer but ends up in a huge stockpile which the military has free access to.

Grehan notes that the only reason the people of Saskatchewan ever agreed to the mining of the dangerous "Death Rock" was when the government promised that none of the material would go for military purposes. The current situation is so well documented, says Edwards, that it can no longer be denied.

But an even worse situation has arisen with the new free trade deal: With it we will also be exporting unprocessed uranium ore and adding yet further to the militarization of our world — and the human rights violations which go along with it.

"All people opposed to the horror of nuclear war should visit the Dene of Wollaston Lake and find out what uranium mining is doing to their lives and lands", Grehan writes in the Fall 1986 issue of the Project North journal.

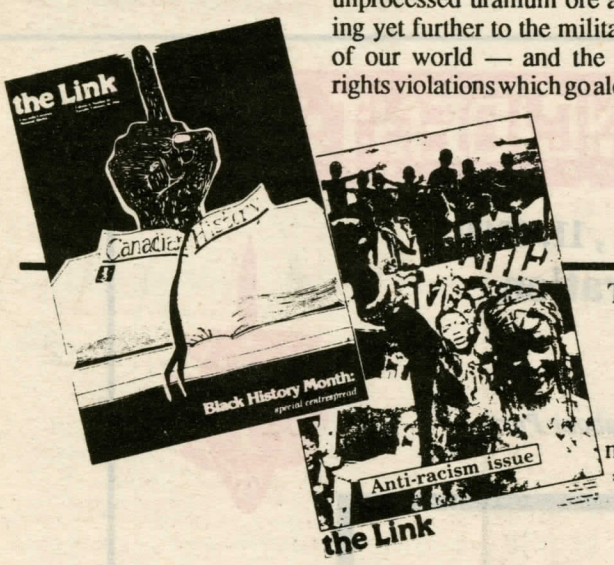
Unfortunately, most people are not aware that Canada is one of the top ten military spenders in the world; fully half of our sales go to countries cited by the U.N. as being gross violators of human rights... People might also find it interesting to visit the "bombing ranges" around northeastern Saskatchewan and Alberta; the low flying jets and cruise missile tests have disrupted any hope of a normal life in these areas. With sonic booms bursting windows and causing spontaneous miscarriages in pregnant wildlife, altered migratory patterns, periodic forest fires from jet crashes and dangerous pesticides sprayed to keep the range clear, it is no wonder that native peoples can no longer subsist around these places.

The Canadian Peace Alliance is now trying to pressure the government to stop cruise missile testing: They say, "If Ronald Reagan and Mikail Gorbachev can agree to stop putting missiles in Europe, isn't it time that we stopped testing them in Canada?"

In a recent poll, "...nation wide, 82 percent of the 11,000 people polled (in 32 cities) said that Canada should stop cruise missile testing now. Right now." And in a similar poll in September they found that "95 percent wanted their taxes spent on social programs, not submarines."

Canada is planning to spend $12 billion taxpayers' dollars on the aggressive purchase of nuclear-powered attack submarines from either France or England this year, but they have come up against some very staunch opposition.

There is certainly no lack of peace issues to focus on in Canada: The new Institute for Studies in International Peace in Montreal has their work cut out for them.



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